



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 4, 2019**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
  3. Pledge of Allegiance
  4. Roll Call - President Jordan
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Message from Mayor
  7. Reports of Department Heads
  8. Reports of Standing Committees
  9. Public Hearings:
    - (a) Amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Ordinance's Chart of Permitted Uses (Section III, Subsection F) regarding Automobile – Aftermarket Sales and Installation.
  10. Business from floor pertaining to items on the consent and regular agenda (5-minute time limit).
  11. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Florence City Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request. Please call 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

    - (a) Approval of minutes of the May 21, 2019, meeting.
    - (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve a contract with Burt's Carpet Cleaning and Janitorial Service, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to provide deep absorption cleaning, deodorizing and bacterizing of approximately 8,850 square feet of indoor/outdoor carpet at the Florence Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$1,745.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-42100 Maintenance-Building, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (d) Resolution to approve a contract with Life Fitness LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to furnish and install a multi-station fitness and strength training device at the Florence Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$10,242.13, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1147-42100, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (e) Resolution to approve a contract with Alabama Awnings Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to recover two (2) canvas awnings at the Florence Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$1,550.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-42100, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (f) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Doug Johnson Contracting for material and labor to seal the parking lot located at the Veterans Memorial, in the amount of \$1,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #188-399-4800, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (g) Resolution to approve an Agreement with Bubba's Marine Construction, LLC, to provide a barge (or barges) to be used for a fireworks display at the Fourth of July Celebration in McFarland Park, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-2048-51700, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (h) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Hand Service Company, for parts and labor to make repairs to the backwash system at the interactive fountain located at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$2,969.20, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Shoals MPE LLC, for trouble shooting and replacement of lights, ballasts, relays and fuses in the interactive fountain located at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$4,085.76, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution to approve a contract with John H. Johnson, d/b/a Johnny's Home Restoration, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to replace, repair, as needed soffit, repair TPO roofing, touch up stain on repaired areas, and install cross-bracing as needed at the Frank Lloyd Wright-Rosenbaum House, in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00. Any additional unforeseen rot damage will be billed at an additional amount not to exceed \$120.00 per hour for two (2) men, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-939-48100, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution to approve a contract with Langston Service Group, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to install a three (3) ton HVAC unit at the Blackberry Trail Pro Shop, in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #44730-1147, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution to approve a contract with JC Hamm and Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to install a five (5) ton, 14 SEER HVAC system at the Pope's Tavern Museum, in an amount not to exceed \$6,322.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #46300-1147, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (m) Resolution to approve a contract with Shoals MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to remove the old heating and cooling unit and install a new 7.5 ton heat pump at the old senior center at Cox Creek Park, in an amount not to exceed \$10,881.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-939-48100, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (n) Resolution to approve a contract with Langston Service Group, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to install a ten (10) ton HVAC unit at the Florence Senior Center, in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #44410-1147, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (o) Resolution to apply to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) FY 2019 funds, to continue to

provide assistance to the homeless, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to amend the City of Florence Zoning Ordinance’s Chart of Permitted Uses (Section III, Subsection F) regarding Automobile – Aftermarket Sales and Installation, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by TREETOP INC, d/b/a THE BOULEVARD, located at 926 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by DENISE THOMAS d/b/a FOSTER-CARTER WEDDING, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE , FLORENCE AL 35630 – FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Board openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Vacancy		12/19/17	11/20/18
Tree Commission	2 - Vacancies		
Beautification Board	1 - Vacancy		

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).

15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

Council member Bradley  
Council member Edwards  
Council member Betterton  
Council member Simmons  
Council member Eubanks  
Council member Jordan  
Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt noted that he recently attended a plague dedication ceremony at the electrical substation located on Enterprise Street honoring Chris Williamson. Mayor Holt further noted that the “Memorial Day” program held at Veterans Park was a great event with a record number in attendance.

Mayor Holt stated that last weekend was a busy weekend for Florence with the Collegiate Fishing Tournament and Region Baseball Playoffs being held. Mayor Holt stated that more than three hundred fishermen participated and forty-seven baseball teams played at the Sportsplex.

Mayor Holt thanked everyone who participated in the Cypress Creek cleanup this past weekend. Mayor Holt noted that this Friday is “First Friday” and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the event.

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearings:**

President Jordan noted that this is the date and time advertised for a public hearing regarding the Amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Ordinance’s Chart of Permitted Uses (Section III, Subsection F) regarding Automobile-Aftermarket Sales and Installation.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and stated that this amendment was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission.

There being no comments from the public, President Jordan closed the public hearing.

**Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda:**

Mr. John Hargett appeared and made comments in opposition to Consent Agenda Item 11(k) Resolution to approve a contract with Langston Service Group, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to install a three (3) ton HVAC unit at the Blackberry Trail Pro Shop, in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #44730-1147, sponsored by Todd Nix. Mr. Hargett stated that the Council should sell the golf course as soon as it is legally possible and then lower the sales tax rate.

**Consent Agenda:**

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to amend the City of Florence Zoning Ordinance's Chart of Permitted Uses (Section III, Subsection F) regarding Automobile – Aftermarket Sales and Installation, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by TREETOP INC, d/b/a THE BOULEVARD, located at 926 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by DENISE THOMAS d/b/a FOSTER-CARTER WEDDING, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE , FLORENCE AL 35630 – FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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**Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):**

Ms. Samantha Davis, City of Florence, HR Specialist, appeared and made comments regarding the City's grievance policies. Ms. Davis stated that there needs to be changes regarding how the City handles employees' grievances.

Mr. John Hargett appeared and made comments in favor of selling the Blackberry Trail Golf Course. Mr. Hargett stated that if the City sold the golf course then it would no longer have a money pit.

Mr. Lora K. Morrow, 206 Roxie Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the City developing an "active shooter" plan. Ms. Morrow stated that last week in Virginia Beach twelve municipal employees lost their lives. Ms. Morrow further stated that the leaders of our City need to meet and discuss measures to develop an active shooter plan.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Bradley thanked Ms. Morrow for her comments. Councilmember Bradley stated that an active shooter plan needs to be developed. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Mr. Hargett for his comments. Councilmember Bradley stated that he sees the pros and cons of the City owning a golf course. Councilmember Bradley thanked Ms. Davis for her comments. Councilmember Bradley stated that the City's grievance policy is terrible but the City Council is restricted on what it can do. Councilmember Bradley further stated that Ms. Davis is very brave to come forward and make her comments due to fear of retaliation. Councilmember Bradley also stated that the Council needs to talk to City Attorney, Bill Musgrove to have the policy changed.

Councilmember Edwards offered his condolences to the family of Jeff McIntyre. Councilmember Edwards noted that Mr. McIntyre was a long time employee with the TimesDaily Newspaper. Councilmember Edwards thanked Mr. Robert Steen for the Memorial Day program at Veterans Park.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Simmons thanked everyone for their attendance and comments. Councilmember Simmons stated that the City Council is the legislative body and the Mayor is over administration.

Councilmember Eubanks also offer her condolences to the family of Jeff McIntyre. Councilmember Eubanks stated that she worked with Mr. McIntyre for a number of years and his death is a devastating loss.

President Jordan thanked everyone for their attendance tonight.

Mayor Holt had no further comments.

Ms. Samantha Davis made additional comments. Ms. Davis stated that she would not give up and with employees behind her there will be changes. Ms. Davis further stated that next year is an election year and department heads need to be held accountable.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK